

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~40068~~ CH-989

Address: 7875 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of LaPlata

Owner: Wheeler, James A and Sarah C

Tax Parcel Number: 96 Tax Map Number: 44

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

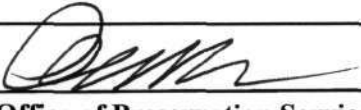
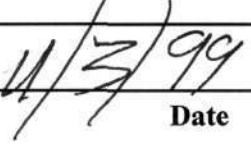
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

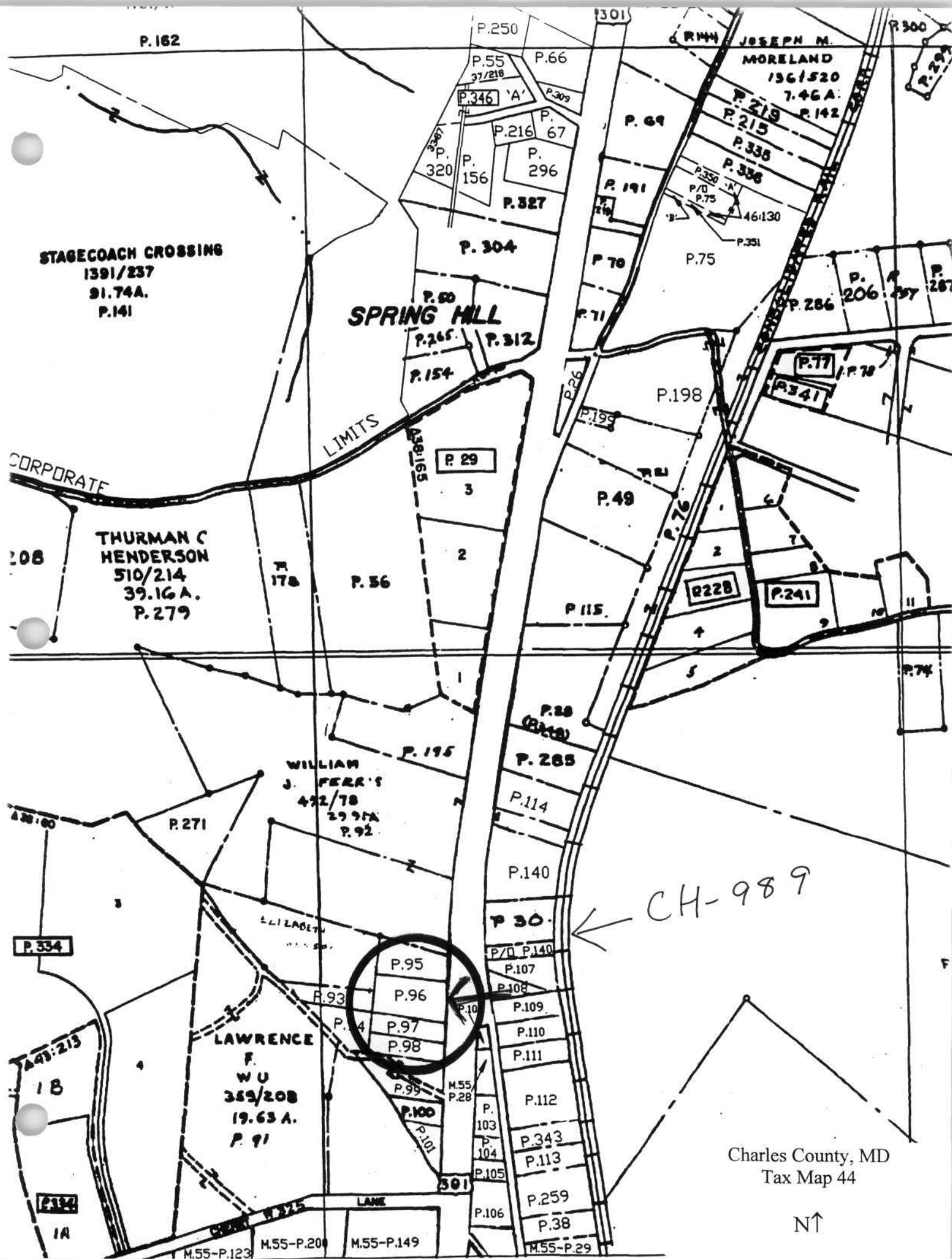
7875 Crain Highway is a one-and-one-half-story, wood frame dwelling with a side gable roof. A one-story, full-width, screened porch with a shed roof obscures the main elevation (east). The is clad of horizontal wood siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across

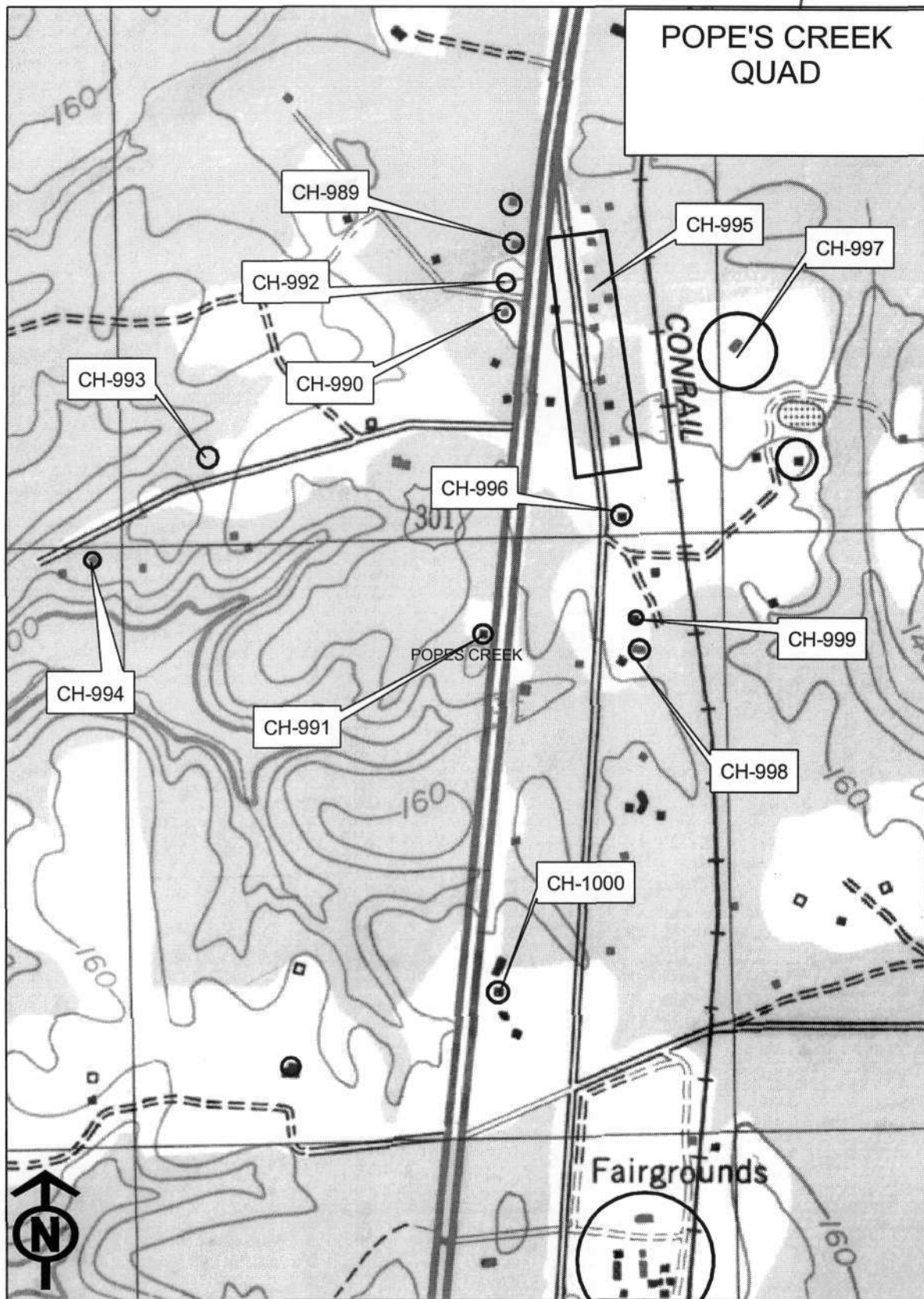
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR Program	Date



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POPE'S CREEK
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7875 Crain Highway

Charles County, MD

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View looking west

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